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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments

Claims 1-4 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended.

The instant Office Action maintains the rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Strong (USP no. 5,384,892)

Applicant respectfully disagrees with, and explicitly traverses, the rejection of the claims. However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of the instant application, independent claims 1 and 4 have been amended to more clearly state the invention. More specifically, <u>each of the models containing defining concepts assigned semantic information signals selected from the group consisting of: text, title and contents.</u> No new matter has been added. Support for the amendment may be found on at least page 8, lines 7-11, which state, in part, "[t]o the non-terminal <title_phrase> are further assigned three semantic information signals by three attributes text, title and contents."

Strong discloses a system and method for speech recognition which determines acoustic features, recognizes words based on a language model and the selection of an appropriate response based on the words recognized. The instant Office Action further states that Strong is a speech rules based language model system wherein "the speech rules define the specific terms that are recognized by the language model."

It is well recognized that to constitute a rejection pursuant to 35 USC §102, i.e., anticipation, all material elements recited in a claim must be found in one unit of prior art. Strong cannot be said to anticipate the invention recited in independent claim 1 because Strong fails to disclose all the elements claimed. More specifically, Strong fails to disclose "<u>each of the models containing defining concepts assigned semantic information signals selected from the group consisting of: text, title and contents,</u> as is recited in amended claim 1. Rather Strong teaches rules-based language models that are word specific (LM1-LM3, in Figures 4-6), a combination language model (LM4, in Figure 7), or a command responsive language model (LM6, Figures 10-12). However, Strong fails to show the models having attributes selected from the group consisting of <u>text, title and contents.</u>

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  Having shown that Strong fails to disclose all the elements claimed, applicant
respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

  With regard to claims 2 and 3, these claims ultimately depend from independent
claim 1, which has been shown to be allowable over the cited reference. Accordingly,
claims 2 and 3 are also allowable by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base
claim.

  With regard to claim 4, this claim recites subject matter similar to that recited in
claim 1 and has been amended in a manner similar to that made to claim 1. Hence, for
the amendments made to the claim and for the remarks made with regard to claim 1,
which are reasserted, as if in full, herein, applicant submits that claim 4 is not anticipated
by Strong.

  Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the
claim.

  Although the last Office Action was made final, this amendment should be
entered. Claims 1 and 4 have each been amended to more specifically state the invention
claimed. No matter has been added to the claims that would require comparison with the
prior art or any further review. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP 714.13, the amendments
made should only require a cursory review. The amendment therefore should be entered
without requiring a showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b).

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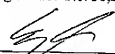Serial No.09/944,300   Docket No.DE000133

     For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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